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Examiner Dwayne K. Handy

September 29, 2006

**LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the final Office action mailed May 8, 2006,  
please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this Letter.